

If You Look a Little Closer

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Summary: Remember in "Double Trouble" when Emma thought something was going on with Rikki and Ash after catching them together multiple times? Well, now the tables are turned. What will happen when Rikki sees Emma and Zane "sneaking" around? Zikki

1. If You Look a Little Closer

****Well, like I mentioned in my profile, it's not an iCarly or Big Time Rush story, but it's_ not_ like you _have_ to read it. I just got this idea inspired from the episode "Double Trouble" and wanted to make it into a story. I hope you like it.****

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"Really? I haven't been looking for you," she replied, somewhat harshly.

Zane looked confused, "What do you mean?"

Rikki's phone beeped at that moment. She thankfully looked down. Cleo had replied back.

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"Why is Emma talking to Zane?" she asked, Rikki.

"Why don't you tell me?"

"Aww, come on, Rikki," Cleo could read her mind, "Emma wouldn't do that to you."

"Then how do you explain that?" Rikki motioned towards the two who were smiling.

"I... I honestly don't know," Cleo responded.

The next day, Rikki sat in her room, on her laptop. She had decided that she was over Zane. If he wanted to go behind her back and be with her best friend, then he wasn't the right one for her. But the last thing she would do is sulk around. Suddenly, she heard her phone ring.

She glanced at the cell phone, which said, "Emma Calling..."

She hesitated, before picking up the phone.

"Hello?" Rikki greeted, shortly.

"Hey, Rikki! Can you meet me at the beach to talk?"

"What's there to talk about?" Rikki snapped.

"Well, it's a long story. Can you just meet me at the beach where we always hang out?" Emma asked.

"Fine," she replied, hanging up and glancing at the calendar. _What a great one-year anniversary..._

Despite being upset about recent events, she decided to go to the beach to meet Emma. She wondered what Emma wanted to say. If better be a good explanation for what's been going on. She was so caught up in her thoughts, that she didn't even realize she was already at the beach. She looked up and saw... Zane? What was he doing here... and why did he have food... from her favorite restaurant... and why was he dressed in a tux?

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"Here," Zane handed her a ruby necklace, "I know you're not that into jewelry, but..."

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><p>Well, I hope you enjoyed reading this. I'm currently working on the version that explains the conversations Emma and Zane were having when Rikki saw them talking. I will finish and post it when I get about five reviews. Thanks for reading!

2. Extended Version

I said I would upload the "extended version" of this story when I got five reviews, so here you go! :) I hope you like it!

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"Hey, you wanted to meet?" she asked, once she reached the spot where he stood.

"Yeah, so listen, I know we aren't the greatest of friends and you don't really have a good reason to help me, but I am planning a date for my one-year anniversary with Rikki and you know her better than anyone... besides Cleo, I mean," Zane explained.

Emma smiled. She really wasn't good friends with Zane, but she was happy for Rikki that she had someone who cared about her. "You know, Zane, you used to be a real jerk - and still kind of are - but I'm glad you make Rikki happy."

"Does that mean you'll help me?" Zane asked her, hopeful.

"Of course!" Emma replied, still smiling, although not as much as Zane.

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><p>"So, I figured out where you can have the date!" Emma exclaimed walking up.<p>

"Where?" Zane asked his girlfriend's best friend.

"On the beach!" she explained excitedly.

"That's a good idea," Zane agreed, before pulling something out of his pocket and handing it to her, "Hey, look what I bought for her!"

"Wow, it's beautiful!" Emma exclaimed, staring at the silver necklace he handed her. It had a red ruby on the end of it.

"I know Rikki's not that into jewelry, but..." Zane started to say.

"It's perfect," Emma argued, "And red is her favorite color. She'll love this, I promise."

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"Yes. First, I will order food from Rikki's favorite take-out restaurant and bring it hear before-hand," Emma told him, to which he nodded.

"Then, since Rikki's favorite movie is 'A Walk to Remember', I have arranged it so you can watch it on a projector," Emma explained.

"Rikki likes that movie? I didn't think she was into that romantic stuff," Zane stated.

"Eh, it doesn't really surprise me anymore. Rikki is full of surprises," Emma told him and he chuckled, completely understanding what she meant.

"So it looks like you have this all planned out," Zane

mentioned.

"Yep, just leave it all to me," she told him.

"Thank you very much Emma. I couldn't have done all this without your help," Zane smiled, before frowning for a moment, "Do you want me to pay you?"

"No, I did this for Rikki. No money is involved."

"Okay. Well, thanks again."

"Sure," Emma replied and that was that. She had done her part for the day.

The next day, after Emma had ordered the food and rented the movie, she called Rikki.

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"Hi Rikki," Emma greeted.

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